

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The Government notified Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy for enhancement of FDI ceiling from 49% to 74% in the telecom sector *vide* Press Note No. 5 (2005 Series) dated 3rd November, 2005. The Government has received a number of representations from stakeholders on various aspects of the said policy such as remote access, transfer of accounting, appointment of resident Indian citizens at key positions of Management etc. in view of the above, the Government is reviewing various conditions in the said Press Note to enable a sustainable growth in telecom sector and also the IT sector which is dependent on telecom.

(c) Revision in the policy for FDI in the telecom sector, if any, is likely to be announced on or before 2nd January, 2007.

#### **Suspension of cellular operations during exams and polls**

1668. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reported instances of some district authorities ordering cellular service providers in some States to suspend operations during specified hours of the day to check malpractices during exams and polls, have come to the notice of Government;

(b) whether such orders for suspension of cellular services are issued by the Centre only if national security and internal peace is at stake; and

(c) whether the Department of Telecommunications would issue proper guidelines to all cellular service providers in this regard to ensure that local/district authorities do not exceed their brief in denying the fundamental rights of the citizens for free and unhindered communication?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Department of Telecommunications has written to respective State Government for suitably advising their concerned officers for not

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issuing orders for suspension of mobile services at their level and if it is felt that suspension of mobile service in any area is essential for maintaining law and order situation, they may bring the same to the notice of Department of Telecommunications for taking appropriate action.

**Computerised post offices in Bihar**

**1669. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of computerised post offices in Bihar for registration of posts during the last three years, location-wise; and

(b) the places where computers are proposed to be installed in the State during the ensuing year, location-wise?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD):** (a) 127 Post Offices have been computerised in Bihar for registration of posts during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06. Location-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement-I (See below).

(b) The places where computers are proposed to be installed in Bihar during the year 2006-07, location-wise are given in the enclosed Statement-II.

**Statement-I**

*Post offices computerised in Bihar during 2003-04, 2004-05 & 2005-06  
for registration of posts, location-wise*

Sl.No.	Post office/location	Sl.No.	Post office/location
1.	Anisabad	7.	B.O. Refinery
2.	Araria	8.	Bahadurganj
3.	Arrah	9.	Bahera
4.	Arwal	10	Baniapur
5.	Asthawan	11	Banka
6.	Aurangabad	12	Bankipur